AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all previous listings.

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for capturing at least one statistic or data regarding performance operation of a business intelligence reporting system that generates business intelligence reports based on requests submitted to perform analysis of data contained in a database, the ~~process~~ method comprising the steps of:

gathering at least one statistic or data related to the performance operation of the reporting system while the reporting system is operating; and

generating at least one output based on the gathered at least one statistic or data.

2. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of providing the output to an end user.

3. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of storing the at least one gathered statistic or data in a database accessible by the reporting system for generating reports utilizing the gathered statistic or data.

4. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of providing the output to an end user in real-time, enabling the end user to analyze the reporting system in real-time.

5. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of analyzing the output, where analyzing the output comprises using at least one of:

a) a decision support technique; and

b) a decision support software.

6. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, where the at least one statistic or data is related to at least one of:

a) metadata usage;

b) server data;

c) concurrency data;

d) overall system usage;

e) individual user activity;

f) report usage data;

g) report definition data;

h) standard query language data;

i) object usage data; and

j) database usage data.

7. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of allocating costs of ~~report~~ reporting system usage to a user of the reporting system based on the at least one output.

8. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, wherein the reporting system is an OLAP system.

9. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of tuning the reporting system based on the at least one output.

10. (Previously Presented) A system for capturing at least one statistic or data regarding performance operation of a business intelligence report system that generates business intelligence reports based on requests submitted to perform analysis of data contained in a database, the system comprising:

gathering means for gathering at least one statistic or data related to the operation of the reporting system while the reporting system is operating; and

generating means for generating at least one output based on the gathered at least one statistic or data.

11. (Original) The system according to claim 10, further comprising transmission means for providing the output to an end user.

12. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 10, further comprising storage means for storing the at least one gathered statistic or data in a database accessible by the reporting system for generating reports utilizing the gathered statistic or data.

13. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 10, further comprising transmission means for providing the output to an end user in real-time, enabling the end user to analyze the reporting system in real-time.

14. (Original) The system according to claim 10, further comprising processor means for analyzing the output, where analyzing the output comprises using at least one of:

a) a decision support technique; and

b) a decision support software.

15. (Original) The system according to claim 10, where the at least one statistic or data is related to at least one of:

a) metadata usage;

b) server data;

c) concurrency data;

d) overall system usage;

e) individual user activity;

f) report usage data;

g) report definition data;

h) standard query language data;

i) object usage data; and

j) database usage data.

16. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 10, further comprising means for allocating costs of reporting system usage to a user of the reporting system based on the at least one output.

17. (Original) The system according to claim 10, wherein the reporting system is an OLAP system.

18. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 10, further comprising the step of tuning the reporting system based on the at least one output.

19. (Previously Presented) A medium storing code for causing a processor to capture at least one statistic or data regarding performance operation of a business intelligence reporting system that generates business intelligence reports based on requests submitted to perform analysis of data contained in a database, the medium comprising:

code for causing a processor to gather at least one statistic or data related to the operation of the reporting system while the reporting system is operating; and

code for causing a processor to generate at least one output based on the gathered at least one statistic or data.

20. (Original) The medium according to claim 19, further comprising code for causing a processor to provide the output to an end user.

21. (Previously Presented) The medium according to claim 19, further comprising code for causing the processor to store the at least one gathered statistic or data in a database accessible by the reporting system for generating reports utilizing the gathered statistic or data.

22. (Previously Presented) The medium according to claim 19, further comprising code for causing the processor to provide the output to an end user in real-time, enabling the end user to analyze the reporting system in real-time.

23. (Original) The medium according to claim 19, further comprising code for causing the processor to analyze the output, where analyzing the output comprises using at least one of:

a) a decision support technique; and

b) a decision support software.

24. (Original) The medium according to claim 19, where the at least one statistic or data is related to at least one of:

a) metadata usage;

b) server data;

c) concurrency data;

d) overall system usage;

e) individual user activity;

f) report usage data;

g) report definition data;

h) standard query language data;

i) object usage data; and

j) database usage data.

25. (Previously Presented) The medium according to claim 19, further comprising code for causing the processor to allocate costs of reporting system usage to a user of the reporting system based on the at least one output.

26. (Original) The medium according to claim 19, wherein the reporting system is an OLAP system.

27. (Previously Presented) The medium according to claim 19, further comprising code for causing the processor to tune the reporting system based on the at least one output.